

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I will do it on Monday. I would also like to ask one more question so that the Minister may be prepared to answer how that tractor workshop that was started at Hebbal, is working and what is the amount spent on that workshop.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I will give that information.

Statement by Minister *re* Palar Waters.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister of Revenue and Public Works).—Yesterday Sri Imam, the Leader of the Opposition, wanted to ascertain from the Government the action they proposed to take regarding the statement said to have been made by the Madras Public Works Minister on the 10th of the last month. I have no official information on this subject. According to the Press reports, the Public Works Minister of the Madras State appears to have made a statement to the effect that he is going to address the Central Government to constitute a committee to examine the complaints in regard to the utilisation of Palar waters and it is also reported in the Press that the Madras P.W.D. Minister was not in a position to state definitely whether the Mysore State has violated the terms of the agreement or not. The utilisation of the waters of Palar river is governed by an agreement entered into between this Government and the Madras Government in the year 1892. So far as we are concerned, we have stood by the terms of the agreement, and we have not violated the terms of the agreement at any time. I can categorically state that the Madras Government have not pointed out a single instance so far where we have violated the terms of the agreement. I must also add that the ryots in the Mysore State have equally suffered because of want of rains and consequent scarcity of water in the Palar river. I must further add that if what is reported in the newspapers is correct, if the Honourable Minister for Public Works in Madras was unable to state definitely whether Mysore State had infringed the agreement or

not, there is no case at all for reference to the Central Government. Mere complaints without any basis cannot be the subject-matter of a complaint to the Central Government. I am confident that the Government of India will not constitute a committee without consulting this Government, merely to examine the complaints. It has been reported in the newspapers that the Madras Minister wants to address the Central Government to constitute an independent committee consisting of members not belonging to both the States to examine the complaints. I am thinking of writing a letter to the Madras Minister. He could have as well discussed the matter with us before making a statement. He could have avoided making a statement on the floor of the Legislature and creating an impression in the mind of the public both in this State and in Madras that this Government has violated the terms of the agreement.

As regards the restoration of the tanks in the Palar basin, it has been definitely laid down in the rules and also in the agreement that this Government has got the right to restore the original capacity, without increasing the capacity in the *ayacut*. In no case we have attempted to increase the original capacity. In the interests of good relationship between the two States, it is better that this matter is discussed and settled amicably.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Am I to understand that the matter was never discussed by the representatives of the Madras Government till now?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I have made it clear that at no time the Madras Government have said that we have violated the terms of the agreement. Even on the floor of the House it has been reported that the Madras P.W.D. Minister stated that he was not in a position to say definitely whether Mysore State has violated the terms of the agreement. He could have discussed with me before making such a statement. Madras is our good neighbour. We do not want to embitter the feelings between Mysore and Madras. I appeal to the Madras

Government not to issue statements and complaint to the Centre without trying to negotiate and decide the matter amicably.

12-30 P.M.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Mysore Government have not violated the terms of the agreement. But has it not come to the notice of the Mysore Government that the Madras Government have been violating the terms of the agreement in their region?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Some of our raiyats have complained to this Government that the Madras Government have violated the terms of the Government. But we have not rushed to the Press or we have not chosen to make a statement.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—What is the protection you gave to the raiyats who complained? What is the action you took on the complaints made by the raiyats?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—As regards complaints made by our raiyats, I believe it was last year that we wrote to the Madras Government to give us that information. We have not been given the necessary information.

***Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.**—While thanking the Minister for the Statement he has made, I think it is my duty to say a few words. I have had some experience of dealings with Madras Government, when I was Minister for Public Works. There is an agreement of 1892 regarding the sharing of waters not only of this river but of many other rivers. The representatives of Madras Government or the Madras Government have a knack to take us unawares and also to create complications and also to raise objections which could never be solved and if anything happens, they will create a big uproar to the prejudice of Mysore and my duty is to forewarn the Government and ask them to be prepared. Let me give an example. Two or three years ago, rightly or wrongly it was alleged that the Government of Mysore impounded more water in Krishnarajasagara than they were entitled to. I do not know whether there was any extra impounding at all

and if so, whether it was with the concurrence or after consultations with them. One fine morning you find that the Government of India issued a directive to this Government that they should let out all the water. The Madras Government without consulting the Mysore Government perhaps have made representations to the Governor-General and he at once without consulting the Government of Mysore, *ex parte* and unilaterally issued an order and passed stricture. Why I mention this is that this incident particularly prejudiced the case of Mysore not only regarding this matter, but various other matters, including Tungabhadra Project. I asked many people why they were adamant in handing over the Thnugabhadra dam to Andhra, they said, "look at your Mysore Government; they did so badly with regard to Krishnarajasagara? they impounded much more water than they are entitled; we cannot trust them." If the Government of Madras have got a knack to make complications and make their case appear so strong as to invoke the aid of the Centre, I thought it was my duty to bring to the notice of our Government to be forewarned and forearmed. The Madras Government are very intelligent and active and they know how to act in all such matters. You must be prepared with your case. Dr. Nagan Gowda was in Madras Government at that time and he was also a party for that. I therefore suggest that they might consult eminent jurists if necessary; I have no objection. They must be prepared to meet any contingency. That is why I am particular about this question.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—As I submitted, we are going to take all necessary steps to safeguard the interests of this State in regard to this matter.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Another thing I want to bring to the notice of the Government in this connection. When Sri T. Mariappa was the Minister for Public Works, he had promised the then House that he would reopen the case of sharing the waters of Cauvery and that he would move with the Madras Government to revise the agreement arrived at regarding the sharing

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the waters of Cauvery under the agreement of 1892. I do not know whether anything has been done in this direction or whether there has been any negotiations. The Honourable Minister may take time to answer that.

Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—I want to know whether the statement that was made by the Public Works Minister of Madras was discussed in the Madras Assembly.

Sri Kadidai MANJAPPA.—In reply to a debate, he is stated to have made the statement. That is what has appeared in the Press.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Amendments to Mysore Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Rules, 1945.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—Sir, as required by sub-section (3) of section 133 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, I lay on the Table of the House a copy of Notification No. T. 72-5—R.T. 212-50-16, dated 30th March 1955, issued under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

Rajpramukh's Recommendation.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received the following Order from His Highness the Rajpramukh :—

“In pursuance of clause (1) of article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar, Rajpramukh of Mysore, do hereby recommend that the Madras General Sales Tax (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1955 be introduced and moved in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.”

Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar,
Rajpramukh of Mysore.

Madras General Sales Tax (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1955.

Introduction.

Sri Kadidai MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Sir, I

beg to introduce the Madras General Sales Tax (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1955 and the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1955 which were published in the Gazettes Extraordinary dated 31st March 1955 and 6th April 1955, respectively, under Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

Motor Vehicles (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1955.

Motion to adjourn discussion.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—Sir, under Rule 88 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, I beg to move :

“That the Debates on the Motor Vehicles (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1955 be adjourned to tomorrow.”

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

“That the Debate on the Motor Vehicles (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1955 be adjourned to tomorrow.”

The Motion was adopted.

Business of the House.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—In this connection may I ascertain the programme of business. Just now, we have received a copy of the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards (Amendment) Bill. I made a suggestion yesterday that all the important bills including the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards (Amendment) Bill and the Finance Bill may be taken up from Monday. I would like to know whether this is agreeable.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So far, we have received one Bill, namely, the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards (Amendment) Bill. It can be taken up on Monday. The Government will make arrangements to distribute the copies of this other Bills today or tomorrow.